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1. REFTEL INVITED EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF
CHILEANS LISTED IN THE P.E.N. REPORT OF OCTOBER 28,
1977, ON WRITERS WORLDWIDE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO REPRESSION.

2. THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY HAS IDENTIFIED 16 PERSONS
ON THE P.E.N. LIST AS HAVING BEEN DETAINED BY THE CHILEAN
SECURITY FORCES AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED. THE
CHILEAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS COUNTERED THAT MOST, IF
NOT ALL, OF THESE PERSONS HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY OR HAVE
GONE INTO HIDING AS PART OF A MARXIST PLOT TO EMBARRASS
THE REGIME. THE SIXTEEN PERSONS ARE AS FOLLOWS (NUMBERS
CORRESPOND TO THOSE ON THE P.E.N. LIST):

#8 ALEJANDRO AVALOS DAVIDSON;
#9. CARMEN BUENO CIFUENTES, GOC REPORTS THAT SHE DIED OUT
SIDE OF CHILE -- 119 LIST;
#11 MARIO EDUARDO CALDERON TAPIA, 119 LIST;
#15 HECTOR CONTRERAS ROJAS;
#17 LUIS DURAN RIVAS, 119 LIST;
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#19 GUILLERMO GALVEZ RIVADENEIRA;
#21 MAXIMO GEDDA ORTIZ;
#22 JORGE ARTURO GREZ ABURTO;
#30 JORGE HERMAN MULLER SILVA;
#31 MARTA NIERA MUNOZ, 119 LIST;
#34 FERNANDO ORTIZ LETELIER;
#36 CARLOS FREDDY PEREZ VARGAS;

#37 MANUAL RECABARREN ROJAS;
#38 MIGUEL RIVAS RACHITOF;
#39 ALFREDO ROJAS CASTENEDA;
#50 GONZALO TORO GARLAND.

3. THE COLEGIO DE PARIODISTAS (NEWSPAPERMEN'S UNION)
HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THEIR
UNION WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AS STATED IN THE P.E.N. LIST
BUT WHO SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

#13 PILAR CATALINA ESPINOZA; FREED FROM PRISON IN
SALAMANCA PRESENTLY LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND, #56 VICTOR
ANDRES VIDAL DE LA JARI IN CALBUCO, WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED
AS A FISHERMAN. REPORTEDLY VIDAL DE LA JARA HAS BEEN HARASSED
BY CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES WHO HAVE ASKED SEVERAL OF HIS EMPLOYERS
TO FIRE HIM FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

#14 JULIO CESAR NAVARRETE PACHECO; FREED, NOW LIVES
IN ARICA WHERE HE WAS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE NEWSPAPERMEN'S UNION. MEMBERS
OF THE PRESENT REGIONAL COUNCIL ARE ALL APPOINTED BY
THE GOVERNMENT.

#24 SERGIO GUTIERREZ PATRI; FREED, PRESENTLY LIVES IN
SANTIAGO.

#25 GUILLERMO JOFRE; FINISHED HIS SENTENCE AND FREED;
PRESENTLY LIVES IN VALPARAISO.

#26 DENIS CAMILO JONES MOLINA; TRIED BY THE AIR FORCE
IN 1975 AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1977.
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HE LEFT CHILE.

#29 ALEJANDRO LIZANA; FREED.

#41 TEODOBERTO ROJAS GOMEZ; FREED FROM PRISON; PRESENTLY
LIVING IN SANTIAGO.

#42 RICARDO ROJAS ROSS M., FREED; PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
ARE NOT KNOWN.

#43 GUSTAVO SAEZ SAEX; FREED FROM PRISON IN LAJA. HE
WAS REPORTED TO BE IN SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHILE
LIVING IN CONCEPCION.

#46 GABRIEL SANHUEZA DONOSO; FORMER EDITOR OF THE NEWS-
MAGAZINE "QUE PASA" DIED RECENTLY OF NATURAL CAUSES.

#48 RAMIRO SEPULVEDA CONTRERAS; FREED FROM PRISON,
PRESENTLY WORKING IN A PUBLISHING HOUSE IN THE SANTIAGO
AREA.

#57 LUIS ARCHIVALDO VILLAFLOR RIVERA; FREED;
PRESENTLY LIVES IN LA SERENA.

4. UNOFFICIAL CHILEAN SOURCES HAVE IDENTIFIED THE
FOLLOWING TWO PERSONS AS WRITERS BUT HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE
OF THEIR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

#16 SERGIO CONTRERAS JORQUERA; " HE WAS NOT A PRO
FESSIONAL JOURNALIST, BUT HE LIKED TO CONSIDER HIM-

SELF ONE BECAUSE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE GAP, ALLENDE'S PERSONAL GUARD. IN JOURNALISTS' CIRCLES HE WAS KNOWN AS A TERRORIST AND HAS A HORRIBLE REPUTATION". JOURNALISTS BELIEVE THAT HE WAS KILLED AFTER THE COUP.
#18 ENRIQUE ECHEVARRIA ("E" NOT "A" AS LISTED); HE WAS A JOURNALIST AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CONCEPCION SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM. NOTHING IS KNOWN OF HIM SINCE THE COUP.

5. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER CHILEANS LISTED.

6. COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THERE ARE NO JOURNALISTS PRESENTLY IN JAIL. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST INCIDENT INVOLVING A JOURNALIST OCCURRED DECEMBER 10, 1977 WHEN THE POLICE REPORTED THAT FORMER EDITOR OF "PUNTO FINAL" AUGUSTO CARMONA ACEVEDO WAS KILLED IN A SHOOT OUT WITH CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES. THE NEWSPAPERS IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS A MEMBER OF THE MIR EXTREMISTS.
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